

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE VARIOUS
BOARDS OF TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF MENDON,
INCLUDING REPORT OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE

Municipal Year Ending March 4, 1901.

[234TH ANNUAL REPORT.]

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

The undersigned, Treasurer of the Town of Mendon, for the municipal year ending March 4, 1901, respectfully submits an account of his doings.

The Treasurer debits himself with receiving the following items, viz:—

To cash received of the Treasurer for the year ending March 5, 1900.....	\$405 40
To cash borrowed on four town notes.....	4,000 00
" received for use of telephone.....	55 62
" borrowed on three town notes	1,500 00
" received of E. C. Kinsley, janitor	117 00
" " State Treasurer, Corporation tax	53 24
To cash received of State Treasurer, National Bank tax.....	441 42
To cash received of State Treasurer, state aid, Chap. 374, Acts 1899.....	506 00
To cash received of State Treasurer, burial of soldier.....	35 00
To cash received of State Treasurer, income Massachusetts school fund	504 78
To cash, County Treasurer, dog fund.....	172 83
" received of George M. Taft, collector of taxes for 1897.....	13 87
To cash received of George M. Taft, collector of taxes for 1898	117 73
To cash received of George M. Taft, collector of taxes for 1899	541 30
To cash received of George M. Taft, collector of taxes for 1900	8,146 58
To cash received of State Treasurer for inspection of animals.....	17 00
To cash received for lead pipe.....	5 60
" " of S. Warren Cook, auctioneer's license	2 00
To cash received of D. H. Barnes, use of hay scales.....	14 25
To cash received of H. C. Adams, 3 copies Proprietors' Record.....	9 00

To cash received of F. M. Aldrich, 2 extinguishers	\$4 92
To cash received of Town of Uxbridge, for M. Cummings	6 00
	————\$16,669 54

The Treasurer credits himself with paying the following sums,

viz:—

By paying 99 town orders	\$10,194 02
“ “ 4 town notes,	3,500 00
“ “ Interest on 4 town notes.....	72 32
“ “ State tax	315 00
“ “ County tax	699 00
“ “ School Committee.....	677 61
Cash on hand	1,211 59
	————\$16,669 54

GEO. M. TAFT,
Treasurer.

Mendon, Feb. 18, 1901.

AUSTIN WOOD RELIEF FUND.

DR.

To cash received of Geo. M. Taft, treas- urer, for 1898 and 1899, deposited in Milford Savings Bank	\$999 85
To cash received deposited in Worcester County Institution for Savings.....	405 62
To cash received, interest of Milford Sav- ings Bank to Oct. 13, 1900.....	40 26
To cash received, interest of Worcester County Institution for Savings to Jan. 1, 1901.....	16 20
Total	————\$1,461 93

CR.

By cash paid three orders	\$15 00
“ “ deposited in Milford Savings Bank	1,025 11
By cash deposited in Worcester County Institution for Savings.....	421 82
	————\$1,461 93

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. M. TAFT, Treasurer.

Mendon, Feb. 18, 1901.

SELECTMENS' REPORT.

The Selectmen respectfully submit the following report of the expenditures of the town for the municipal year ending March 4, 1901.

INCIDENTALS.

D. H. Barnes, services with team at forest fires.....	\$4 50
E. A. Snow, infected school books destroyed.....	6 47
Adams Express Co., Fairbanks weigh book.....	1 15
J. A. George, cash paid for printing Proprietors, Records.....	309 60
Geo. M. Taft, work in old cemetery.....	7 00
Jacob R. Brown, repairing hay scales.....	75
Frank M. Aldrich, 2 copper extinguishers.....	30 50
H. M. Dolbeare, 3 books and canvassing blanks for assessors	1 20
A. C. Eldredge, painting and papering town hall.....	87 07
Rockwell & Churchill for binding 10 books	10 00
A. W. Gaskill, services as inspector of animals	40 50
Henry C. Snell, services in criminal case	6 12
Albert Albee, for mason work at town hall.....	5 50
Geo. M. Taft, work about watering tub.....	24 00
Henry C. Snell, services in criminal cases	10 28
A. C. Eldredge, white-washing at tramp house.....	2 25
H. C. Adams, insurance on town property.....	54 97
Albee & Greateon, work at town officers' rooms.....	3 10
Frank W. Stewart, repairing town buildings.....	3 57
Edw. L. Smith, fighting forest fires.....	1 35
E. C. Kinsley, cash paid fighting forest fires.....	11 60
Woodbury & Co, for designing and engraving	25 00
A. A. Jenkins, services in criminal case	24 15
R. C. Fish, reporting eight births.....	2 00
Liberty Freeman, cash paid out.....	6 07
Emery & Wood, returning 13 deaths	3 25
Clark, Ellis & Sons, tile for waste water.....	19 67
A. W. Gaskill, perambulating town lines	4 50
Williams Bros., coal for fire extinguisher room	7 25
Edw. C. Kingsley, work at monument	2 00
Geo. M. Taft, rent for extinguisher room and care of fires	16 00

Henry W. Gaskill, records of surveying streets, lay out of street and cash paid out for 1900	\$ 10 00
Chas. H. Allen, services at state election, Nov. 6.....	3 50
Mrs. I. O. Rhodes and D. H. Barnes, use of telephone one year to March 1, 1901.....	60 00
D. H. Barnes, services night of July 3 and 4; also in criminal case	3 50
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	\$808 37

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE.

Paid J. A. George, chairman	\$1,851 33
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TOWN OFFICERS.

Charles H. Allen, auditor for 1899	\$6 00
E. A. Snow, lockup keeper.....	5 00
C. A. Fletcher, assessor for 1900.....	25 00
H. W. Gaskill, assessor for 1900.....	45 00
W. S. Wilcox, assessor for 1900.....	43 75
J. E. Darling, ballot clerk at November election.....	1 50
Arthur V. Pond, ballot clerk at November election....	1 50
Charles I. Barnes, constable to March 4, 1901.....	15 00
“ services night of July 3 and 4, and also in criminal case	4 50
Edward C. Kingsley, services night of July 3 and 4	2 00
“ services as selectman and registrar and perambulating town lines.....	35 00
George M. Taft, services as treasurer.....	50 00
“ “ selectman and registrar.....	30 00
“ “ collector for 1897.....	65 00
Liberty Freeman, selectman, registrar, and perambulating town lines.....	55 00
Horace C. Adams, services as town clerk and cash paid	39 45
E. L. Smith, services as fireward.....	2 10
Edward C. Kinsley, services as fireward and cash paid	5 10
F. M. Aldrich, services as fireward.....	7 00
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	\$437 90

AUSTIN WOOD RELIEF FUND.

Cash paid out, 3 orders.....	\$15 00
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HIGHWAY SURVEYOR.

Frank Taft, for repairing roads and bridges.....	\$1,800 00
“ clearing roads of snow	279 80
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	\$2,079 80

PRINTING.

G. M. Billings	\$10 50
Cook & Sons	82 00
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	\$92 50

TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid trustees, 3 orders	\$150 00
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CARE AND SUPPLIES OF TOWN HALL.

Edward C. Kinsley, care of hall to April 1, 1900, and cash paid out	\$98 10
Williams Bros., coal.....	49 00
Lutheria M. Alger, cleaning town hall	4 77
Edward H. Taft, wood.....	3 25
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	\$155 12

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS, SCHOOL BOOKS AND
INCIDENTALS.

Paid School Committee.....	\$2,975 00
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SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid overseers of poor, nine town orders	\$1,145 00
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SOLDIERS' BURIAL, CHAPTER 279, ACTS OF 1896.

George Wilbur.....	\$35 00
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SOLDIERS' RELIEF, CHAPTER 447, ACTS OF 1890.

Malinda W. Cummings [to Uxbridge]	\$6 00
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STATE AID TO PENSIONERS UNDER CHAPTER 374,
ACTS OF 1899.

Joanna Curley.....	\$48 00
Malinda W. Cummings.....	48 00
Rufus Hazard.....	48 00
George W. Scisco	48 00
Waterman Taft.....	48 00
George Wilbur	12 00
Annette L. Weatherhead	48 00
Stephen H. Scisco	22 00
Eliza A. Munsell	48 00
Sarah Gifford	40 00
John S. McDonald.....	48 00
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	\$458 00

RECAPITULATION.

Incidentals	\$808 37
School building committee.....	1,851 33
Town officers	437 90
Roads and bridges	1,800 00
Snow bills.....	279 80
Printing	92 50
Taft Public Library	150 00
Town Hall.....	155 12
Schools.....	2,975 00
Poor	1,145 00
Soldiers' burial.....	35 00
Chapter 447, Acts of 1890, M. W. Cummings.....	6 00
" 374, " 1899	458 00
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	\$10,194 02

The selectmen report the available assets known to them as follows:—

Due from collector of 1898.....	\$23 49
" " 1899.....	157 86
" " 1900.....	766 37
" state aid to soldiers, Chapter 374, to Jan. 1, 1901, 12 months.....	468 00
Due from state aid to soldiers to March 1, 1901, 2 months	76 00
Due from state, burial of soldier, George Wilbur.....	35 00
" state treasurer, balance corporation tax	83 92
Cash in hand of treasurer	1,211 59
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	\$2,822 23

The liabilities of the town, so far as known, are as follows :

Outstanding bills, estimated.....	\$50 00
Due town officers, estimated	200 00
Austin A. Taft, 3 notes, school building	1,500 00
Milford Savings Bank	1,000 00
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	\$2,750 00
Net balance in favor of town.....	\$72 23

Respectfully submitted,

LIBERTY FREEMAN,

GEORGE M. TAFT,

EDWARD C. KINSLEY,

Selectmen of Mendon.

Mendon, Feb. 18, 1901.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Support of schools	\$2,975 00
“ poor	1,500 00
Repairs of roads and bridges	1,800 00
Taft Public Library	175 00
Incidentals	800 00
Payment of interest	75 00
Soldiers' relief and military aid	50 00
Proprietors' Records.....	100 00
Wasteway at watering tub	100 00
Memorial day	50 00
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	\$7,625 00

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The Highway Surveyor submits the following report for the year ending March 4, 1901.

He debits himself with cash on 15 orders..... \$2,079 80

He credits himself by paying the following bills :—

Charles B. Williams, for labor with team	\$242 70
L. E. Wheeler, " " " "	187 50
Chas. T. Aldrich, " " " "	79 60
George H. Whitting, " " " "	4 00
Michael Head, " " on repairs	148 91
John M. Towne, " " " "	212 48
Dennis Kelley, " " " "	217 64
Thomas H. Pierce, " " " "	66 85
Harry Taft, " " " "	13 18
Arthur C. Estey, " " " "	12 25
Milo A. Gaskill, " " " "	11 46
John R. Taft, " " " "	5 00
Chas. T. Aldrich, " " " "	5 00
Andre Southwick, " " " "	4 00
Elias T. Bates, " " " "	1 00
Frank Taft, highway surveyor.....	352 48
Edward Dudley, for gravel.....	59 52
A. W. Gaskill, " "	29 40
Lewis B. Gaskill, " "	20 08
A. M. Seagrave, " "	20 08
Abby A. Putnam, " "	17 60
Frank H. Wood, " "	5 52
Gilbert Gaskill, " "	2 40
Alphie Tanculle, " "	2 76
Darius Henry, " "	2 11
Frank A. DeWolfe, " "	24
Chas. A. Fletcher, bridge planks.....	21 86
Walter N. Thompson, " ties.....	8 00
Geo. M. Taft, " plank.....	28
A. W. Gaskill, " "	54
Edward Dudley, posts.....	1 70
Peter F. Curley, for repairing bridge.....	18 00

Clark Ellis & Sons, supplies.....	\$ 6 05
Henry L. Patrick, ".....	3 00
R. C. Eldridge, ".....	20
E. C. Barry, repairs.....	10 67
A. Morin, ".....	3 50
J. A. Burt, ".....	2 44
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	\$1,800 00

SNOW BILLS.

March 15, 1900.

Frank DeWolfe, for labor on snow	\$4 00
S. E. Everton, " " " "	60
W. C. Robinson, " " " "	7 60
Thomas H. Pierce, " " " "	60
Henry W. Gaskill, " " " "	3 00
Frank H. Wood, " " " "	2 80
Davis Hill, " " " "	4 70
Elias T. Bates, " " " "	2 40
Darius Henry, " " " "	2 00
Chas. B. Williams, " " " "	2 00
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	\$29 70

Feb. 5, 1901.

Lyman E. Wheeler, for labor with team and shovel- ing snow.....	\$12 00
Elias T. Bates, for labor with team and shoveling snow	23 60
Frank A. DeWolfe, for labor with team and shoveling snow	8 60
Henry W. Gaskill, for labor with team and shovel- ing snow.....	21 30
W. C. Robinson, for labor with team and shoveling snow	31 85
Edward H. Taft, for labor with team and shoveling snow	17 30
Charles I. Barnes, for labor with team and shoveling snow	11 20
Davis Hill, for labor with team and shoveling snow.....	24 60
Frank H. Wood, for labor with team and shoveling snow	16 40

Glenville C. Coffin, for shoveling snow.....	12 40
Jarvis Thayer, " " "	1 40
Arthur V. Pond, " " "	1 40
Charles B. Congdon, " " "	60
Herbert Wheeler, " " "	60
Henry Alger, " " "	2 00
I. O. Rhoades, " " "	15 60
Dennis Kelley, " " "	15 60
John M. Towne, " " "	12 60
Frank Taft, " " "	20 50
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	\$249 55
Team work	\$513 80
Appropriation for general repairs	\$1,800 00
Amount expended for general repairs	1,800 00
" " " clearing roads of snow.....	279 25
Cash on hand.....	55
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	\$2,079 80

Respectfully submitted,
FRANK TAFT,
Highway Surveyor.

Feb. 16, 1901.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

DR.		
Balance uncollected Feb. 17, 1900.....	\$12 22	
Interest received	6 16	
	<hr/>	\$18 38

CR.		
By cash paid Treasurer	\$13 87	
Abatements	4 51	
	<hr/>	\$18 38

GEO. M. TAFT,
Collector of Taxes, 1897.

Mendon, Feb. 18, 1901.

DR.		
Balance uncollected Feb. 17, 1900	\$158 57	
Interest received.....	10 24	
	<hr/>	\$168 81

CR.		
By cash paid Treasurer.....	\$117 73	
Abatements	27 59	
Amount uncollected Feb. 18, 1901	23 49	
	<hr/>	\$168 81

GEO. M. TAFT,
Collector of Taxes, 1898.

Mendon, Feb. 18, 1901.

DR.		
Balance uncollected Feb. 17, 1900	\$675 71	
Interest received	30 05	
	<hr/>	\$705 76

CR.

By cash paid Treasurer.....	\$541 30	
Abatements	6 60	
Amount uncollected Feb. 18, 1901	157 86	
		<u>\$705 76</u>

GEO. M. TAFT,
Collector of Taxes, 1899.

Mendon, Feb. 18, 1901.

DR.

To taxes committed for assessment.....	\$8,860 13	
Extra assessment.....	23 07	
Interest received.....	37 50	
		<u>\$8,920 70</u>

CR.

By cash paid Treasurer	\$8,146 58	
Abatements	7 75	
Amount uncollected Feb. 18, 1901	766 37	
		<u>\$8,920 70</u>

GEO. M. TAFT,
Collector of Taxes, 1900.

Mendon, Feb. 18, 1901.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF POOR.

The Overseers of Poor submit the following report for the municipal year ending March 4, 1901 :

John W. Barry, Dennis Holland, Edna Allen, Edna French, Annie J. Bates, Washington Coleman, Abram P. Scribner (having a settlement in Mendon,) Samuel E. Everton and family (belonging to Uxbridge,) have been wholly or partially supported.

The overseers charge themselves with the receipt of the following named funds belonging to the town :

Balance on hand.....	\$41 09
Nine town orders	1,145 00
Town of Uxbridge.....	18 18
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	\$1,204 27

The overseers credit themselves with paying the following amounts :

For support of :

John W. Barry.....	\$166 70
Dennis Holland	169 46
Edna Allen	160 00
Edna French	13 46
Annie J. Bates	9 10
Washington Coleman.....	295 10
Abram P. Scribner.....	164 00
Samuel E. Everton and family.....	18 18
Erwin A. Snow, care of 693 tramps at 15c., from Dec. 1, 1899, to Jan. 7, 1901	103 95
Sundries for tramp house to Jan. 7, 1901	55
Clark Ellis & Sons, sundries to Jan. 7, 1901.....	2 05
A. W. Gaskill, wood for tramp house (old bill,)	12 75
“ “ “	80
A. V. G. Pond, “ “	6 75
George R. Ford, services.....	6 00
Gilbert Gaskill, services	6 00
Liberty Freeman, services.....	36 00
Cash on hand to balance	33 42
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	\$1,204 27

From the whole amount paid for the support of the poor		\$1,170 85
Deduct what was due for the support of poor to March 5, 1900	\$156 80	
What has been paid out for Everton family	18 18	
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		\$995 87
Add what will be due for support of poor to March 4, 1901		\$126 30
Cost of supporting the poor for the year ending Mar. 4, 1901		1,122 17

Respectfully submitted,

LIBERTY FREEMAN,
GILBERT GASKILL,
GEORGE R. FORD,

Overseers of the Poor.

Mendon, Feb. 16, 1901.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

DOGS REGISTERED IN 1900.

85 male dogs	\$170 00	
8 female dogs	40 00	
	<hr/>	\$210 00
Registration fees	\$18 60	
Paid County Treasurer	191 40	
	<hr/>	\$210 00

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1900.

DATE OF BIRTH.	NAME OF CHILD.	PARENTS.
1899.		
Feb. 9, 1900.	Geraldine Fleming,	Charles P. and Julia E. Fleming.
Feb. 17,	Carl Frederick Hoberg,	John P. and Hannah M. E. Hoberg.
Mar. 8,	Florence Gaskill,	Milo A. and Ethel M. Gaskill.
Mar. 28,	Milton Ernest Wheeler,	Norman E. and Ruth H. Wheeler.
Apr. 12,	Barbara Helen Cook,	Lyman and Wilhelmina Cook.
May 11,	Marion Sarah Arrand,	Roy R. and Annie M. Arrand.
June 22,	Bertha Barnes,	Charles I. and Etta M. Barnes.
Sept. 6,	Alberta Doris Bolte,	Albert C. and Ruth Bolte.
Sept. 6,	Bessie Maude Hoggarth,	Richard J. and Helen Hoggarth.
Sept. 15,	Walter Fred Thomas,	Fred W. and Lilly B. Thomas.
Dec. 4,	Rose Emma Bouchard,	Ozias and Emma Bouchard.
Dec. 8,	Bernice Dascomb Whiting,	Abbott D. and Nellie S. Whiting.
Dec. 23,	George Ferris,	George and Grace E. Ferris.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1900.

DATE OF MARRIAGE.	NAME OF GROOM AND BRIDE.	RESIDENCE.
1900.		
January 15,	Alfred John Bates,	Meadville, Pa.
	Bertha Louise Sprague,	Mendon.
March 10,	William Albert Benson,	Brookfield, Mass.
	Hattie Louisa Albee,	Mendon.
March 14,	Charles Dwight Ellis,	Mendon.
	May Elizabeth Hatton,	New York, N. Y.
April 5,	Edward Augustus Whiting,	Mendon.
	Alice Geraldine Taft,	Mendon.
April 16,	Albert Edward Southwick,	Mendon.
	Harriet Frances Angell,	Smithfield, R. I.
June 27,	Albert Chester Rhodes,	Milford, Mass.
	Florence Edith Snow,	Mendon.
November 8,	Patrick Henry Mahern,	Hopkinton, Mass.
	Mary Elizabeth Quigley,	Mendon.
December 11,	Peter Trenouth,	Mendon.
	Fannie Annette Coombes,	Mendon.
December 25,	Ernest Leroy Tucker,	Mendon.
	Alice Lewitt,	Mendon.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1900.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAME.	AGE			RESIDENCE.
		Y.	M.	D.	
1900.					
March 15.	Florence Gaskill.	—	—	7	Mendon.
April 10.	Milton E. Wheeler,	—	—	13	Mendon.
April 14.	David Adams,	85	2	28	Mendon.
April 27.	Ann M. Grady,	65	—	—	Mendon.
April 27.	Hattie C. Robinson,	40	1	15	Mendon.
May 10.	Barbara H. Cook,	—	—	28	Mendon.
May 13.	Etta Taylor Rowe,	3	11	20	Mendon.
June 15.	George Wilbur,	74	7	28	Mendon.
July 2.	Washington Coleman,	68	—	27	Mendon.
July 20.	Annie Brown,	26	—	—	Mendon.
July 27.	John S. Cox,	70	3	26	Mendon.
July 29.	Lewis J. Warner,	—	9	15	Mendon.
August 13.	Marion S. Arrand,	—	3	10	Mendon.
August 27.	Arthur L. Tupper,	22	10	10	Mendon.
September 24.	Earl Carlton Alger,	—	2	28	Pawtucket, R.I.
November 9.	James Russell Claffin,	87	10	23	Mendon.
December 2.	Alfred Wilson,	22	1	25	Hopedale, Mass.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE C. ADAMS,

Town Clerk.

Mendon, Feb. 16, 1901.

TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Trustees submit the following report: The board reorganized April 21st, 1900. They have to report the continued usefulness and prosperity of the library. They very much regretted to lose the services of Mrs. Sara F. Towne, who had served the town faithfully and acceptably, for several years, as librarian, and resigned, as she was to leave town, but were fortunate to secure as her successor, Miss Annie Kinsley, who has performed the duties of that office since July 1st in a satisfactory manner, and has been engaged for another year.

The books were examined Feb. 7th, current, and were all accounted for, and in satisfactory condition. The library was reopened Saturday Feb. 9th, 1901.

During the past year one copy of the Annals of Mendon was turned over to the superintendent of schools, and one copy exchanged for a history of the town of Canton, Mass.

The thanks of the citizens are tendered to all who have contributed books, magazines or literature of any kind to the library during the past year.

The trustees recommend the appropriation of one hundred and seventy-five dollars for the use of the library the ensuing year.

JULIUS A. GEORGE,
HORACE C. ADAMS,
ELMER E. SHERMAN,
LIBERTY FREEMAN,
FRANK H. WOOD.

Trustees Taft Public Library.

Mendon, Mass., Feb. 16, 1901.

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY:—

The Library was reopened Feb. 10, 1900, for the delivery of books.

The whole number of books given out from the library during the year was 4,002. The largest delivery any Saturday was 100; the smallest number 60. Average 79.

The delivery by divisions was as follows: Agriculture 4; biography 30; fiction 3,375; history 45; poetry 28; miscellaneous 56; periodicals 359; religion 6; science 49; travels 50.

The total number of books in the library is 4,153, 137 having been added the past year. Of these 137 volumes, 80 have been purchased by the town and 57 contributed.

One was given by the Bureau of Education; 5 by Sara L. Bennett; 6 by the Secretary of the Commonwealth; 1 by Newton D. Clark; 1 by

Civil Service Commission; 1 by the Interstate Commerce Commission; 5 by Mrs. M. H. Darling; 1 by the Massachusetts Society of Sons of the Revolution; 2 by U. S. National Museum; 1 by the Department of the Interior; 2 by the U. S. Department of Agriculture; 1 by E. B. Crane of Worcester; 1 by Edward Wympere.

The following unbound magazines have been given, all of which have since been bound: 12 volumes of Scribner's; 5 volumes of the Cosmopolitan; 4 volumes of the New England Magazine, by the Adin Ballou Club; 2 volumes of Petersons' Magazine by Mrs. J. A. George; 2 volumes each of Harpers Monthly and Outing by J. A. George.

One book was received in exchange for the Annals of Mendon.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE KINSLEY, Librarian.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Report of the Treasurer of the Trustees of the Taft Public Library for the year ending Feb. 2, 1901.

DR.	
Balance from 1900,	\$11 57
Cash received on three town orders,	150 00
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	\$161 57
CR.	
Cash paid the W. B. Clarke Co. for books	\$74 69
" " A. H. H. Warren & Co. for binding	21 19
" " J. A. George, cash paid	10 24
" " Sara F. Towne, services as librarian	20 00
" " Annie Kinsley, " " "	30 00
Cash on hand,	5 45
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	\$161 57

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE C. ADAMS, Treas.

Mendon, Feb. 16, 1901.

Cost of East Mendon School House.

Batten boards and labor of man.....	\$3 98
Plans and specifications.....	15 00
P. Ferguson, cellar, underpinning and steps.....	211 00
O. Whitney & Son, contract.....	1,300 00
" " extra work.....	62 00
" " outside windows.....	28 86
C. Ellis & Sons, chimney pipe.....	37 81
" " damper and tinning air box.....	11 45
L. Grow & Son, irons for chimney and stove.....	6 68
Frank Taft, grading.....	6 00
Bay State Heating Co., heating and ventilating plant..	125 00
F. Hughes, plans for inspector.....	2 00
Zinc, Tacks, etc.	1 00
A. Albee, cementing and setting stack heater.....	11 30
Insurance policy.....	29 25
	\$1,851 33

Your committee very much regret that the cost of this building exceeded the appropriation. They strove earnestly to plan a building that would be satisfactory to the town and comply with the requirements of the State Inspector of Buildings, for the sum voted, but found they could not do so. The time wasted in this vain endeavor, accounts for the delay in commencing construction. We hope our work will meet the approval of our fellow citizens.

JULIUS A. GEORGE,
ERWIN A. SNOW,
FRANK H. WOOD,
LEONARD E. TAFT,
ALBERT ALBEE.

Building Committee.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have this day examined the accounts of all the Town officers and committees who have received or disbursed funds belonging to the town during the municipal year ending March 4, 1901, and find them correctly kept and properly vouched.

CHARLES H. ALLEN, Auditor.

Mendon, Feb. 19, 1901.

REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF MENDON,
FOR THE
SCHOOL YEAR 1900-'01.

MILFORD, MASS. :
COOK & SONS, PRINTERS, JOURNAL OFFICE.
1901.

ORGANIZATION OF
SCHOOL COMMITTEE, 1900-1901.

FRANK WOOD, Chairman,	Term expires 1903
ERWIN A. SNOW, Secretary,	“ “ 1901
LEONARD E. TAFT,	“ “ 1902

SUPERINTENDENT,
ELMER E. SHERMAN.

SCHOOL BOOK AGENT,
ERWIN A. SNOW.

TRUANT OFFICERS,
EDWARD C. KINSLEY, LYMAN COOK,
ELMER E. SHERMAN.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT.

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF MENDON :

The following report of the School Committee is respectfully submitted.

The care of school property was assigned as follows : North, Leonard E. Taft ; Albeeville and West, Frank H. Wood ; South, East and Center, Erwin A. Snow.

This year, as in former years, our report is made out two weeks before the close of the year ; the pay of teachers, janitors and for transportation of scholars for these two weeks we have not given in detail, but have included the amount we have reason to expect it will be in this report, thus giving the cost of the schools for a full year.

During the year new seats and floors have been put in the primary and grammar rooms. With the exception of a few slight repairs these rooms are now in as good condition as we can make them unless there is a general remodelling of the whole building. The School Committee still has bills on hand unpaid to the amount of about \$110 for furnishing the new school house at the East. It will be necessary to make provision for paying these at the annual meeting by an addition of \$100 to the regular appropriation.

The new school building was finished and used for the first time Jan. 3, 1901. The school committee and those interested are much pleased with it. It is a good looking modern building, well built, of good material, well heated, lighted, and ventilated and will probably meet the wants of that part of the town for some years to come.

As this part of the town now has electric cars passing through it and directly by the school house, people riding by will get a very much better impression of the town now than with the old building. Almost any one looking for a place to live will buy more readily and pay more for a home in a neighborhood where there is a good school building than in one that has a poor one, and the increase in valuation of real estate in that part of the town by having a good school building will probably make the building of this one a good investment for the town, aside from the direct benefit to the school.

Much credit is due the chairman of the Building Committee,

Mr. George, for the interest he has taken and the time and labor expended by him in the construction of this building.

We would respectfully refer you to the annexed report of the Superintendent of Schools, which the committee at its last meeting voted to accept and have printed.

We would recommend an appropriation of twenty-nine hundred dollars for schools for the ensuing year.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation	\$2,975 00	
Balance on hand, March 1, 1900.....	19 72	
Income from state school fund.....	504 78	
“ “ dog tax.....	172 84	
Received from the state on account of Superintendent	416 66	
Received for tuition	35 00	
“ from the Selectmen for books destroyed on account of scarlet fever..	6 47	
Received for supplies and sundries sold....	6 15	
	<hr/>	\$4,136 62

EXPENDITURES.

Teachers' wages :—

Newton D. Clark, High	\$225 00	
William G. Park, High	287 50	
Edith A. Lucas, Grammar	132 00	
Mary A. Peffers, Grammar	252 00	
Mary E. Dudley, Primary	308 50	
Adelaide E. Flagg, Primary.....	42 00	
Adelaide E. Flagg, Grammar	11 00	
Florence E. Snow, North.....	117 00	
Ruth B. Cornwell, North and Albee- ville	297 00	
Mary W. Burgess, North	9 00	
Alma S. Seavey, Albeeville.....	168 00	
Lillian M. Porter, East	281 50	
	<hr/>	\$2,130 50

Fuel :—

Lewis Bates, wood and cutting	\$11 33	
Leonard E. Taft, wood and cutting	5 50	
Frank H. Wood, wood and cutting.....	13 50	
E. A. Snow	12 25	
Williams Bros., coal	95 00	
	<hr/>	\$137 58

Care of rooms :

Florence E. Snow, North.....	\$6 50	
Ruth B. Cornwell, North and Albee- ville.....	17 00	
Lillian M. Porter, East	17 00	
Alma S. Seavey, Albeeville	10 50	
Fred A. Snow, Center.....	34 00	
Mrs. Alger, cleaning rooms, Albeeville	5 00	
Mrs. Alger, cleaning rooms, Center.....	4 60	
L. E. Taft, cleaning rooms, North.....	5 00	
Mrs. Cook, cleaning rooms, East	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$100 60

Transportation :—

George M. Taft	\$168 00	
Alfred I. Barrows	170 00	
	<hr/>	\$338 00

Text books and supplies :—

Amount purchased as per report of school book agent.....		\$159 38
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Apparatus :—

Charles E. Lauriat Co.	\$8 50	
George S. Perry & Co.....	13 51	
G. M. Billings	7 00	
J. S. Hammett Co.	56	
	<hr/>	\$29 57

Superintendent :—

Elmer E. Sherman	\$560 02
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Suppression of truancy :—

Paid Worcester County Truant school for confinement of Herbert Alger.....	\$12 70
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Incidentals :—

Geo. S. Perry & Co., school rooms supplies	\$27 20
Geo. S. Perry & Co., desks and chairs..	107 30
Otis Whitney & Son, labor and material furnished	94 16
C. B. Williams, carting seats and desks and freight paid	3 42
Cook & Sons, printing	5 00
Charles F. Dole, delivering address at the high school graduation	7 00

Z. C. Field, flooring	\$94 77
G. M. Billings, printing graduation programmes.....	3 75
The Beale Press, high school diplomas	7 00
A. C. Eldredge, painting high school desks	7 70
A. C. Eldredge, whitewashing, North..	2 00
Fred A. Snow, labor.....	4 20
Joseph H. Dudley, services at gradua- tion	1 00
Derby Desk Co., teacher's desk for new school building	14 60
Clark Ellis & Sons, 6½ gals. oil.....	5 20
Clark Ellis & Sons, sundries	9 80
D. H. Barnes, getting down flag.....	2 00
E. C. Barry, repairing seats and desks	1 50
H. H. Lent, two stove screens.....	6 00
E. T. Bates, loam and drawing.....	5 65
Avery & Woodbury, curtains.....	4 88
Rufus Beals, labor and stock	5 25
Herbert Wright, labor.....	25
Wm. Johnson & Co., building vaults for out-building at South Milford	6 30
Wm. Johnson & Co., freight paid on furniture for new school house and carting the same	3 60
Geo. E. Thayer, use of well.....	2 00
E. L. Smith, use of well.....	7 00
J. W. Estey, use of well.....	3 00
E. E. Sherman, travelling expenses	13 10
E. E. Sherman, cash paid, telephone and telegraph	1 20
E. E. Sherman, cash paid, cleaning vaults, Albeeville	1 00
E. E. Sherman, cash paid, setting glass, Albeeville.....	1 30
E. E. Sherman, cash paid, sundries.....	3 05
E. E. Sherman, cash paid, express	70
E. E. Sherman, cash paid, travelling and telephone	1 20
F. H. Wood, services as school com- mittee	1 25
F. H. Wood, taking census	2 00
L. E. Taft, labor and material.....	4 25
L. E. Taft, services school committee....	1 25
L. E. Taft, taking census	1 00

E. A. Snow, cash paid, express	\$1 16	
E. A. Snow, cash paid, sundries	2 95	
E. A. Snow, cash paid, postage	3 46	
E. A. Snow, cash paid, travelling ex- penses	5 32	
E. A. Snow, cash paid, freight and carting supplies	2 49	
E. A. Snow, cash paid, cleaning up yard, Center	1 12	
E. A. Snow, cleaning vaults, Center	1 25	
E. A. Snow, services as school com- mittee	1 25	
E. A. Snow, labor and time expended..	5 37	
E. A. Snow, mowing yard	1 00	
E. A. Snow, taking census	3 00	
E. A. Snow, services as secretary school committee	10 00	
E. A. Snow, services as school book agent	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$519 20
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		\$3,987 55

Cash on hand to pay what will be due teachers, janitors and for transporta- tion of scholars at the end of the year, March 1, 1901		\$147 00
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Cost of schools for the year	\$4,134 55	
Cash on hand, unexpended	2 07	
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		\$4,136 62
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From the cost of schools for the year	\$4,134 55	
Take the amount of supplies and sundries sold	6 15	
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Net cost of schools for the year	\$4,128 40	

RECAPITULATION.

Resources :—

Expenditures.....		\$4,136 62
Teachers' wages, including amount unpaid	\$2,252 50	
Fuel.....	137 58	
Care of rooms, including amount unpaid	105 60	
Transportation, including amount unpaid	358 00	
Text books and supplies	159 38	
Apparatus.....	29 57	
Superintendent	560 02	
Suppression of truancy.....	12 70	
Incidentals	519 20	
Cash on hand.....	2 07	

Cash on hand,..... \$4,136 62

FRANK H. WOOD,
ERWIN A. SNOW,
LEONARD E. TAFT,
School Committee.

Mendon, Feb. 16, 1901.

SCHOOL BOOK AGENT'S REPORT.

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To books and supplies purchased :—

Geo. F. King & Co.....	\$23 51	
Geo. S. Perry & Co.....	50 08	
Adams, Cushing & Foster.....	4 80	
D. C. Heath & Co.	1 88	
Ginn & Co.	65 29	
J. L. Hammett Co.	4 92	
University Publishing Co.....	4 80	
Town of Bellingham.....	4 10	
Books and supplies on hand, Mar. 1, 1900	97 11	
		\$256 49

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By books and supplies furnished schools..	\$158 39	
By books and supplies sold.....	1 20	
By books and supplies on hand March 1, 1901.....	96 90	
		\$256 49

ERWIN A. SNOW,
School Book Agent.

Mendon, Feb. 16, 1901.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF MENDON:—

Gentlemen:—The seventh annual report of the present Superintendent of Schools is hereby presented.

The school registers present the following statistics from September, 1899 to June, 1900:

Total enrolment	169
Average membership	134
Average attendance	122
Per cent of attendance	91

The Primary school has the best per cent. of attendance, followed by the Grammar, North and East schools in the order named. The Primary is also the most punctual school, having the least number of tardy marks. The total number of dismissals is reduced. The whole number of such marks is 200 against 336 two years ago. This is encouraging, though more time is actually lost by dismissals than through tardiness, the latter usually covering only a few minutes while the former is frequently for an hour. More than an hour and a half is called a half day and receives an absent mark. It is necessary in this matter of attendance to have the hearty support of the home. Wise parents and an efficient teacher with a common aim accomplish the greatest good for the child in this as well as in every other line of school work.

Education means more than mere book learning. Its object is three-fold:

Health and the means of maintaining it.

Knowledge and thought power.

Right motives and will power.

Less than one-fifth of the child's waking hours is spent in the school-room. The home and the community, therefore, share in the education of the young. The best results in the school are seen when these educational forces work harmoniously for the highest good of the child. When parents and friends visit the school and invite the teacher to their homes, the school and the home become better acquainted and so better able to work in common. Teachers and pupils are encouraged when people show their interest by visiting the schools. The Superin-

tendent is usually in the grammar room for an hour after the close of school on Monday. He would be pleased to welcome parents and friends, whether they come with blame or with praise, to seek information or to give it, or simply to talk over matters pertaining to the welfare of the schools or of the individual pupil.

The committee appointed to have charge of the erection of a new school building for the East school have attended to their duties very efficiently, with the result that a well-built, well appointed building has been provided at a moderate cost. In appearance it is a credit to the town. There are at present twenty-one pupils in the school. It is probable that that part of the town may increase in population, the distance to Mendon village is too great for small children to be comfortably transported and it is probably a wise step which the town has taken in providing a school building in the east neighborhood.

The next need which confronts the town is better school rooms at the Center. At this writing the Primary has a score of pupils in excess of the number that it can comfortably accommodate. If every voter in the town were obliged to spend one winter's day in that room with its forty or fifty pupils something would be immediately done to provide more healthful quarters for those little children. If any more children move into town requiring primary school instruction, another room will have to be provided, for there isn't space to put in another seat. It may seem a hard thing to ask for another school building immediately, but, in view of the fact that until the present year Mendon has expended nothing for new school houses during the last thirty years, it is not strange that so much needs doing at this time. Should the town erect a new building at the Center, the expense could be distributed over future years in such a way as to make those most directly benefited share the burden of payment.

In closing I wish to express my thanks to the school committee, teachers and pupils for the good will and helpful spirit which has been shown the superintendent; also to all those who, by their interest and advice have encouraged and strengthened the cause of education in our midst.

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. SHERMAN.

THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DUTIES.

The State Board of Education has defined the work of a superintendent of schools as follows:—

DUTIES OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

The duties that usually fall to the superintendent are sufficiently indicated by the following heads:—

1. Planning courses of study.
 2. Selecting and recommending text-books, apparatus, etc.
 3. Examining and nominating teachers.
 4. Inspecting the schools.
 5. Guiding the teachers personally in their work and study.
 6. Conducting teachers' meetings.
 7. And, in general, serving as the professional representative of the interests of the schools and as the executive officer of the school committee.
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BRIEF EXTRACTS FROM EDUCATIONAL LAWS.

1. All children between 7 and 14, unless sick, feeble-minded, at an approved private school, or otherwise instructed in branches required by law, to the satisfaction of the School Committee, must attend the public school during the entire time of each school year. Penalty to parent or guardian for failure in attendance for five days' sessions within any period of six months, \$20.

2. No child under 14 can be employed "in any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment." "No such child shall be employed in any work performed for wages or other compensation" during the hours when the public school is in session nor before six o'clock in the morning or after seven in the evening.

3. No child under 16 can be employed in any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment without a certificate from the Superintendent of Schools. He must present an employment ticket from the person who wishes to employ him, on applying for a certificate. The father, if living and a resident, must sign the certificate of age; if not, the mother; if neither, the guardian.

4. Children between 14 and 16 must either attend school or be regularly employed.

5. Children must be vaccinated before attending school but a certificate from a regular physician, saying a child is an unfit subject for vaccination, allows attendance.

No child can attend school from a household in which there is a case of smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever or measles, or from a household exposed to a contagion from a household as aforesaid. Two weeks after the death, removal or recovery of the patient in a case of the first three mentioned, or three days after in a case of measles, the child may return on presentation of a certificate from the attending physician or from the board of health.

6. "The last regular session prior to Memorial Day, or a portion thereof, shall be devoted to exercises of a patriotic nature."

7. A United States flag not less than four feet in length shall be displayed on the schoolhouse grounds or building every school day, when the weather will permit, and on the inside of the schoolhouse on other school days.

8. A written excuse stating cause of absence, and signed by parent or guardian, must be presented by the pupil on his return to school.

TEACHERS, SEPTEMBER 1900.

SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	WHERE FITTED.	SALARY.
High,	Wm. G. Park,	Wesleyan University.	\$500 00
Grammar,	Mary A. Peffers,	Bridgewater Normal.	432 00
Primary,	Mary E. Dudley,	Mendon High.	378 00
North,	Ruth B. Cornwell,	Friends School.	324 00
East,	Lillian F. Porter,	Newburyp't Training.	324 00
Albeeville,	Alma A. Seavey,	Framingham Normal.	288 00

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1900-1901.

	FALL TERM.		WINTER TERM.		SPRING TERM.	
	OPENS.	CLOSES.	OPENS.	CLOSES.	OPENS.	CLOSES.
Lower Schools 36 weeks.	Sept. 10 1900.	Dec. 21	Dec. 31	Mar. 8 1901.	Mar. 25	June 14
High School 40 weeks.	Sept. 4 1900.	Dec. 21	Dec. 31	Mar. 15 1901.	Mar. 25	June 21

HOLIDAYS DURING THE YEAR.

Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Friday following, Washington's Birthday, Patriots' Day and Memorial Day. Recess of one week at Thanksgiving for lower schools.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1901-1902.

	FALL TERM.		WINTER TERM.		SPRING TERM.	
	OPENS.	CLOSES.	OPENS.	CLOSES.	OPENS.	CLOSES.
Lower Schools 36 weeks.	Sept. 9 1901	Dec. 20	Dec. 30	Mar. 7 1902	Mar. 24	June 13
High School 40 weeks.	Sept. 3 1901	Dec. 20	Dec. 30	Mar. 14 1902	Mar. 24	June 20

HOLIDAYS DURING THE YEAR.

Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Friday following, and Memorial Day. Recess of one week at Thanksgiving for lower schools.

SCHOOL REGISTER STATISTICS, SEPT. 1899 TO JUNE 1900.

SCHOOLS.	Average Member- ship.	Average Attend- ance.	Per Cent. of Attend- ance.	Total Enrol- ment.	Days of Absence.	Tardy.	Dis- missed.	Truants.	Corporal Punish- ment.	Visits by Superin- tendent.	Visits by others.
High	23.06	21.17	90.90	28	367.	54	31	0	0	23	5
Grammar	29.38	27.18	92.51	33	395.	53	55	0	1	38	49
Primary	29.64	27.60	93.12	40	348.	27	58	0	0	27	43
North	16.13	14.87	92.18	19	211.5	43	31	0	4	24	18
East	17.38	15.99	92.02	21	250.	35	13	0	4	20	31
Albeville	18.28	15.37	84.11	28	524.	33	12	0	1	21	15
Summary	133.87	122.18	90.81	169	2095.5	245	200	0	10	153	161

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	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.
Number under 5 years of age,	2	1	3
Number between 5 and 15,	69	63	132
Number over 15,	9	12	21
Number between 7 and 14,	52	45	97

School Census Statistics, Sept. 1900:

Number of children in town between 5 and 15,	77	66	143
Number of children in town between 7 and 14,	54	46	100
Population of the town, census of 1900,	911		

COURSE OF STUDY IN THE MENDON HIGH SCHOOL.

FIRST YEAR.

Algebra.
English History.
English or Latin Grammar.

SECOND YEAR.

Geometry.
French.
Book-keeping and Arithmetic, or Cæsar.

THIRD YEAR.

Physics.
French.
Physical Geography (first half),
United States History (second half), } or Cicero.

FOURTH YEAR.

General History.
Rhetoric (first quarter).
English Literature (three quarters).
Civil Polity (first half),
Commercial Law (second half), } or Vergil, etc.

Two recitation periods a week throughout the course is devoted by each pupil to English composition, one to news of the day and one to rhetorical.

A general exercise each day is devoted to reviews of grammar school subjects, including spelling and mental arithmetic, or to lessons in temperance, music or drawing.

The work of the year is divided into quarters of ten weeks each.

Alternates: Third and fourth year Latin and its third and fourth year equivalents in the English course.

MENDON

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING EXERCISES,

FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 1900.

PROGRAM.

Prayer, Rev. N. S. Hoagland.
Salutatory Address, Florence Bennett.
Class History, Grace Ellen Whiting.
Class Poem, William Herbert Driscoll.
Music, Mrs. Lillian E. Wood.
Essay—"Flowers," Eliza Durkee Fletcher.
Class Will, Edward Florence Driscoll.
Class Prophecy, Annie Elizabeth Kinsley.
Valedictory Address, Carrie Beal.
Music, Mrs. Wood.
Address, Rev. Charles F. Dole.
Presentation of Diplomas, Supt. E. E. Sherman.

CLASS OF 1900.

ACADEMIC COURSE.

Carrie Beal.
Florence Bennett, Secretary and Treasurer.
Eliza Durkee Fletcher.
Annie Elizabeth Kinsley, President.
Edward Florence Driscoll.
William Herbert Driscoll, Vice-President.

ENGLISH COURSE.

Grace Ellen Whiting.
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Motto: Droit et avant.

Colors: Clover Pink and Green.

Flower: Clover.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following pupils have been neither absent nor tardy for the time specified. The record ends June, 1900:—

TEN YEARS—TWO TERMS.

Frederick A. Snow—*High*.

SIX YEARS—TWO TERMS.

Mabel D. Snow—*Grammar*.

FOUR YEARS—TWO TERMS.

Rose E. Snow, John J. Driscoll—*Grammar*.

TWO YEARS—TWO TERMS.

Mabel M. Taft—*Primary*.

TWO YEARS.

Charlotte A. Snow—*Primary*.

ONE YEAR—TWO TERMS.

Carl M. Taft—*Primary*.

ONE YEAR—ONE TERM.

A. Everett Eldridge—*North*.

ONE YEAR.

Harold H. Eldridge—*North*.

WINTER AND SPRING TERMS.

Philip M. Harrington—*Primary*.

Flora M. Valliquette—*Albeeville*.

FALL TERM.

Grace Whiting, Edward Driscoll, William Driscoll, Lillian Freeman, Anna Pond, Oliver Moores, Belle Rhodes, Caroline Wood—*High*.

Merle Brown, Erle Gaskill—*Grammar*.

Frank S. Brown, Carrie A. Cromb, Henry J. Wood, Chas. V. Driscoll, Herbert S. Wood—*Primary*.

Nancy A. Taft, Florence I. Aldrich, Abbie M. Darling, Homer C. Darling—*North*.

Clara Barrows, Eugene Barrows, Isabel Rowe, Grace Thayer, Lillian Worthen—*East*.

WINTER TERM.

Lillian Freeman—*High*.

Catherine Harrington—*Grammar*.

Marion Lewis, Isabel Rowe, George Worthen, Lillian Worthen, Ruth Worthen—*East*.

SPRING TERM.

Earle Lowell, Anna Pond—*High*.

Merle Brown, Berton Brown, Mabel Cromb, Louise Congdon—*Grammar*.

Herbert S. Wood, Charles V. Driscoll, Ralph H. Gaskill, William A. Curliss, Robert C. Ferris, Raymond Kelley, Bertha E. Pierson, Charles E. Ferris, Lois A. Congdon, Carrie A. Cromb—*Primary*.

Albert H. Scriven—*North*.

TOWN WARRANT.

Worcester, ss.—To the Constable of the Town of Mendon,
in the County of Worcester, Greeting:

Greeting :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Mendon qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Mendon, on Monday, the fourth day of March, next, punctually at 10 o'clock, A. M., to act on the following articles, viz :

ARTICLE I. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To hear the reports of the several town officers and committees and act thereon.

ARTICLE 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

ARTICLE 4. To raise such sums of money as are necessary to defray town charges, and make appropriations of the same.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to accept the list of jurors reported by the Selectmen, or make any alteration in the same.

ARTICLE 6. To see, what measures, if any, the town will adopt to secure the speedy collection of taxes.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to hire money to pay current expenses for the municipal year commencing March 4th, 1901, in anticipation of the collection of the taxes.

ARTICLE 8. To bring in their ballots "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will continue communication by telephone with Milford, as security against destruction by fire, or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen, for the town, to enter into any agreement with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by the Massachusetts Highway Commission that said Board deems for the interest of the town.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will vote to sell the school-house and lot at the West district, so-called, appoint a committee for the same, or act in any manner in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will take any action in regard to the sale of the South-end school-house.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will vote to sell the hay scales or take any action regarding said scales.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the following places in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting, viz :— At the post-office, and on the guide-board near the school-house in Albeeville, and at the post-office in South Milford.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen or Town Clerk, before the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Mendon, this nineteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one.

LIBERTY FREEMAN,
GEORGE M. TAFT,
EDWARD C. KINSLEY.

Selectmen of Mendon.

A true copy, Attest :

CONSTABLE OF MENDON.